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Town Officers

Representative
HERMAN E. BROWN

OFFICERS BIENNIALLY ELECTED

Moderator
FRANK A. MACE

Supervisors of Check List
STEPHEN BROWN GEORGE BECKMAN

OFFICERS ANNUALLY ELECTED

Town Clerk
GEORGE T. MCKENNA *HERBERT M. PRESCOTT

Selectmen
ARTHUR G. WADLEIGH ALVA BREWER GEORGE A. PRESCOTT

Treasurer
RALPH B. FISH

Tax Collector
FRANK A. MACE

Highway Agents
GEORGE A. EVANS GEORGE B. SHAW JOHN P. BLAKE

Auditor
MELVIN ARMSTRONG

Board of Education
ARTHUR H. BROWN DOROTHY CARD GEORGE A. PRESCOTT

School Treasurer
SARAH A. GREEN

Trustees of Public Library
GEORGE OSGOOD CARRIE ROBIE

Librarian
GEORGE OSGOOD

Constable
STEPHEN BROWN

Truant Officer
HERBERT M. PRESCOTT

Board of Health
HERBERT M. PRESCOTT

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*Filled Vacancy

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION

Improved and unimproved land and buildings	$199,435.00	
Horses, 151	15,305.00	
Oxen, 6	435.00	
Cows, 453	20,755.00	
Neat stock, 74	2,565.00	
Hogs, 4	75.00	
Fowls, 190	142.00	
Vehicles and automobiles	3,600.00	
Portable mills	800.00	
Wood, lumber (Laws 1915)	45,850.00	
Money on hand	950.00	
Stock in trade	5,750.00	
Mills and machinery	450.00	
		$296,112.00
Amount of property tax	$5,922.24	
114 poll taxes	228.00	
		$6,150.24

Rate of Taxation, $2.00 per $100.

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax	$535.50
County tax	558.74
Highways, by law	740.28
Highways, state road maintenance	250.00
Highways, state road construction	144.00
Town debt	500.00
Town charges	800.00
Library	75.00

Memorial Day	$65.00	
Support of schools	2,475.00	
Overlay	6.72	
		$6,150.24

ASSETS

Cash on hand	$695.90	
Joint highway accounts, balance in state treasury	263.69	
Uncollected taxes of 1914	29.87	
Uncollected taxes of 1916	5.00	
Uncollected taxes of 1917	302.75	
		$1,297.21

LIABILITIES

Dog licenses	$52.20	
State and town highway accounts:		
Unexpended balance in state treasury	263.60	
Unexpended balance in town treasury	436.69	
Haverhill Road bridge	300.00	
Note of Amelia Rowe	400.00	
		$1,452.19
Net Liabilities, February 15, 1917		$715.46
Net Liabilities, January 31, 1918		154.98
Decrease in town debt		$560.48

ARTHUR G. WADLEIGH,
ALVA BREWER,
GEORGE A. PRESCOTT,

Selectmen of Kensington.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph B. Fish, in account with the Town of Kensington.
From February 15, 1917, to January 31, 1918.

Dr.

Received from	Collector, 1914 taxes	$10.83
	Collector, 1916 taxes	305.92
	Collector, 1917 taxes	5,751.13
	state for state aid road maintenance.....	385.60
	state for railroad tax	21.18
	state for savings bank tax.	232.97
	state for literary fund	64.80
	state for aid for education.	427.39
	state for fighting forest fires	4.85
	Hattie N. Jenness, support of poor.....	157.50
	Town Clerk, dog licences .	52.20
	Janitor, for rent of Town Hall.....	25.00
	Collector, for interest on taxes.....	12.84
Total receipts from all sources.....		$7,452.21
Cash on hand at beginning of year		205.72
		$7,657.93

Cr.

Paid town officers' salaries.....	$331.70
town officers' expenses.....	143.08
election and registration expenses...	24.00
expenses Town Hall and buildings ..	128.05
fire department, including forest fires	17.40
for state aid maintenance.....	772.08

Paid for Highways, town maintenance ...	$522.25
for highways, snow	122.73
for highways, general expense	22.07
for library	75.00
for Memorial Day exercises	63.43
for cemetery and hearse hire	52.65
for damages and legal expense	13.50
for abatements	2.16
for interest on notes	37.70
note	500.00
taxes to state	535.50
taxes to county	558.74
to school district	3,039.99
Total payments for all purposes	$6,962.03
Cash on hand at end of year	695.90
	$7,657.93

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

George T. McKenna, Town Clerk	$13.00
H. M. Prescott, Town Clerk	12.00
R. B. Fish, Treasurer	25.00
A. G. Wadleigh, Selectman	83.00
Alva Brewer, Selectman	50.00
G. A. Prescott, Selectman	53.70
Stephen Brown, Constable	5.00
F. A. Mace, Dog Constable	6.00
F. A. Mace, Auditor	2.00
Melvin Armstrong, Auditor	2.00
F. A. Mace, Collector, 1916 and 1917	75.88
George Creighton, Collector, 1914	.12
J. P. Blake, Fish and Game Warden, distributing trout fry	4.00
	$331.70

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

John Templeton, town reports	$97.50	
Baker Agency, bonds for Trustees Public Funds	2.00	
S. E. Rowe, Treasurer's bond	6.00	
George T. McKenna, Dog License book	1.90	
George T. McKenna, trip to Exeter for trout fry	2.00	
E. G. Eastman Co., Selectmen's account book	6.62	
G. A. Prescott, stamps, stationery, etc.	1.92	
A. G. Wadleigh, stamps, stationery, etc.	3.28	
James H. Batchelder, Officers' books	7.56	
R. B. Fish, stamps, stationery, etc.	3.50	
H. M. Prescott, Board of Health, telephone, etc.	1.50	
H. M. Prescott, warrants and appointment blanks	.55	
John Templeton, tax bills and check lists	8.75	
		$143.08

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Stephen Brown, Supervisor	$6.00	
George Beckman, Supervisor	6.00	
E. N. Howe, Supervisor	2.00	
F. A. Mace, Moderator	4.00	
George Osgood, Ballot Clerk	1.50	
Melvin Armstrong, Ballot Clerk	1.50	
J. R. Malloy, Ballot Inspector	1.50	
Harvey Wilbur, Ballot Inspector	1.50	
		$24.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harvey Wilbur, fighting fire and watching	$3.50	
Earl Wilbur, fighting fire and watching	3.50	
G. A. Prescott, time at Bartlett and Round Hill fires	4.70	
G. A. Prescott, chemicals	5.70	
		$17.40

JANITOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Received for rent of hall, 7 nights at $1.00 ...	$7.00	
Received for rent of hall, 6 nights at $3.00 ...	18.00	
Received from Town Treasurer	6.00	
		$31.00

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H. M. Towle, services, 19 nights at $1.00...	$19.00	
F. H. Poor, wood	5.00	
E. B. Warner, oil	2.19	
H. M. Towle, repairing halyards	2.00	
H. M. Towle, sawing and housing wood	2.81	
		$31.00

H. M. TOWLE, *Janitor.*

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Janitor's expense	$31.00	
Thomas Leavitt, tuning piano	2.50	
F. M. Cilley, insurance	32.00	
J. R. Malloy, labor and material on kitchen	16.65	
A. G. Wadleigh, labor on kitchen	13.50	
Exeter Lumber Co., shingles and nails	32.40	
		$128.05

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

David Hodgdon, man	$1.80
Herbert Prescott, man	.30
John Johnson, man	1.80
Wilfred Eastman, man	4.60
Robert Dolan, man	2.80
L. A. Plumb, teaming	15.80
Alva Brewer, man and team	20.05
Alva Brewer, spikes	.90

G. B. Shaw, man	$6.00	
G. B. Shaw, spikes	1.00	
J. H. Wade, man	9.00	
S. W. Shaw, man	1.00	
Howard Steeves, tractor	5.25	
Ernest Lord, man	2.25	
I. C. Shaw, man	2.25	
F. H. Poor, lumber	5.58	
		$80.38

MEADOW ROAD BRIDGE

G. A. Prescott, man	$14.00	
Alva Brewer, man and horse	35.32	
Alva Brewer, lumber	4.00	
George Creighton, man and team	17.60	
A. G. Wadleigh, man	22.39	
George Armstrong, team	10.15	
Melvin Armstrong, man	3.40	
L. A. Plumb, man	35.00	
Joseph Rock, man	17.50	
Alfred Jordan, man	10.00	
Harvey Wilbur, man	10.00	
United Construction Co., bridge material	178.00	
Exeter Lumber Co., cement and lumber	111.32	
Frank Strout, blacksmith work	1.00	
G. B. Shaw, gravel	3.40	
H. M. Prescott, oil	.65	
S. W. Shaw, team	5.60	
		$479.33

HAVERHILL ROAD BRIDGE

George A. Prescott, man and horse	$21.00
Alva Brewer, man and horse	24.50
Arthur G. Wadleigh, man	5.00
William Marshall, team	8.40

Loren Plumb, man	$30.00	
Alfred Jordan, man	12.50	
Harvey Wilbur, man	12.50	
Joseph Rock, man	12.50	
Exeter Lumber Co., cement and lumber	83.12	
W. M. Jenkins & Co., salt	1.50	
H. M. Prescott, oil	.65	
H. M. Baker, gravel	.70	
		$212.37

REPORTS OF ROAD AGENTS

John P. Blake, Agent

John P. Blake, labor and team	$52.65	
David Hodgdon, labor	5.00	
H. D. Peacock, labor	9.00	
Harvey Wilbur, labor	5.00	
Earl Wilbur, labor	5.00	
M. W. Wilbur, labor	12.00	
Arthur N. Blake, labor	4.00	
George M. Gove, labor	1.00	
H. W. Steeves, tractor	34.75	
F. H. Strout, sharpening drills	1.45	
		$129.85

REPAIRING DEARBORN ROAD

H. W. Steeves, tractor	$19.74	
M. W. Wilbur, labor	4.00	
Harvey Wilbur, labor	2.00	
Earl Wilbur, labor	2.00	
J. P. Blake, labor	2.00	
		$29.74

REPAIRING GOVE'S HILL

J. P. Blake, labor and team	$13.00	
Alfred Jordan, labor	2.50	
Harvey Wilbur, labor	2.50	
H. W. Steeves, tractor	20.70	
		$38.70

GEORGE B. SHAW, AGENT

G. B. Shaw, highway agent	$40.50	
J. H. Wade, man	11.25	
Alva Brewer, team	13.45	
Robert Dolan, man	1.35	
—— Ryan, man	3.25	
Herman Shaw, man	1.00	
Herbert Brewer, man	3.75	
Wilfred Eastman, man	1.60	
Ernest Lord, man	5.50	
Fred Blackstone, man	6.20	
S. W. Shaw, team	20.95	
H. M. Baker, gravel	.40	
G. B. Shaw, gravel	1.00	
G. B. Shaw, lumber and posts	2.60	
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber and posts	5.56	
F. H. Poor, lumber	1.75	
S. W. Shaw, railings	2.50	
Howard Steeves, tractor	24.00	
		$146.61

GEORGE A. EVANS, AGENT

George A. Evans, Highway Agent	$19.71
Arthur C. Evans, team	48.00
Arthur C. Evans, man	6.69
Horace A. Evans, man	13.74
M. W. Evans, man	8.12
H. M. Towle, man	2.25

Stephen Brown, man	$4.50	
Roy Brown, man	4.50	
Edward Bickford, man	1.00	
George Creighton, man	.25	
Howard Steeves, tractor	12.60	
G. A. Evans, tile	20.74	
G. A. Evans, posts and railings	3.55	
G. A. Evans, gravel	1.20	
		$146.85

OTHER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

I. C. G. Moulton, labor	$4.40	
F. A. Mace, team	11.00	
George Creighton, team	2.80	
J. H. Rock, labor and gravel	3.10	
J. R. Malloy, labor and gravel	8.20	
A. G. Wadleigh, labor	1.00	
		$30.50
		$522.25

SNOW MAINTENANCE

George B. Shaw's account from October 15 to April, 1917

Horace Evans, man	$1.40
R. F. Gove, man	2.20
I. C. Gove, man	2.80
Herman Brown, man	1.00
C. S. Card, man	1.50
George Bartlett, man	3.50
J. A. Evans, man	3.20
Wilbur Tibbetts, man	2.20
Ralph Kenniston, man	1.20
John Thurston, man	4.00
J. H. Wade, man	1.60
Elmer Wade, man	1.60

W. A. Hilliard, man	$1.00
James Tuttle, man	.20
James French, man	.80
A. W. Brown, man	.80
C. H. Robie, man	2.00
S. W. Shaw, man	1.80
Herbert Brewer, man	1.60
John Johnson, man	4.20
R. B. Fish, team	3.25
Stephen Brown, team	4.25
H. M. Baker, team	1.50
George Creighton, team	2.25
L. A. Plumb, team	2.00
J. B. Blake, team	1.50
E. M. Howe, man	1.20
A. L. Milbury, man	1.50
George Creighton, man	.60
A. G. Wadleigh, man	.40
David Hodgdon, man	1.60
E. H. Wilbur, man	1.00
Harvey Wilbur, man	2.00
S. W. Steeves, man	1.60
J. R. Malloy, man	2.10
Melvin Armstrong, team	.50
J. P. Blake, team	1.00
Moses Wilbur, man	1.60
George Armstrong, man	.50
Fred Foss, man	2.00
Van Cowan, man	2.20
J. H. Rock, man	.30
George B. Shaw, Highway Agent	7.00
	$80.45

SNOW PATHS, WINTER 1917-1918

J. P. Blake	$13.55
Ralph Kenniston	4.25
J. H. Rock	1.38

A. G. Wadleigh	$0.75	
G. A. Prescott	.75	
Alvah Brewer	2.50	
Henry Chick	3.00	
Loren Plumb	2.00	
Leon French	.50	
——— Church	.25	
G. A. Evans	1.50	
Arthur C. Evans	6.35	
Horace A. Evans	5.50	
		$42.28

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

F. H. Strout, blacksmith work	$5.00	
Augustus Young, shovels, lanterns, etc.	8.57	
George Sawyer, painting signs	4.50	
G. O. Weare, public watering place	2.00	
W. N. Dowe, public watering place	2.00	
		$22.07

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid Carrie Robie, Treasurer		$75.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Rev. David Fraser, Memorial Day orator	$12.00	
Exeter Band	47.00	
Frank Rollins, flags	3.00	
Woolworth Co., flags	1.08	
H. M. Prescott, twine	.35	
		$63.43

CEMETERY

S. C. Sawyer, Sexton	$42.65	
W. J. Prescott, use of hearse	10.00	
		$52.65

ABATEMENTS

1914

Charles Lovering	$0.83

1917

Frank Kimball, 2 cows died	1.33

UNCLASSIFIED

Exeter Garage, damage to Harry Hilliard's auto	$13.50

NOTES AND INTEREST

Interest on R. B. Fish's note	$17.70	
Interest on Amelia Rowe's note	20.00	
Note of R. B. Fish	500.00	
		$537.70

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Paid S. E. Rowe, county tax	$558.74	
J. W. Plummer, state tax	535.50	
		$1,094.24

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL TREASURER

S. A. Green, Treasurer, appropriation	$2,475.00	
S. A. Green, Treasurer, dog licenses	72.80	
S. A. Green, Treasurer, State Aid	492.19	
		$3,039.99

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

KENSINGTON, N. H., February 16, 1918.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of Arthur Wadleigh, Alva Brewer and George A. Prescott, selectmen; Ralph B. Fish, treasurer, with the balance of

$695.90; George B. Shaw, John Blake, and George A. Evans, highway agents; H. M. Towle, janitor, and Arthur Wadleigh, for Memorial Day, and find the same correctly cast, properly vouched for and do hereby approve the same.

MELVIN G. ARMSTRONG.

Account of F. A. Mace, Collector

Dr.

Amount to collect by assessment	$5,922.24	
Amount to collect on polls, 114	228.00	
Interest	6.27	
		$6,156.51

Cr.

Cash paid to treasurer	$5,751.13	
Discount allowed	96.36	
Uncollected	302.75	
Interest paid to treasurer	6.27	
		$6156.51

Report of the Treasurer of the Public Trust Funds

JOHN F. GILL FUND

Dr.

On deposit in Manchester Savings Bank, February 15, 1917	$101.50	
Dividend to July 1, 1917	1.35	
		$102.85

Cr.

January 31, 1918, paid S. C. Sawyer, labor	$2.00	
On deposit, book number 113798.....	100.85	
		$102.85

HANNAH S. MOULTON FUND

Dr.

On deposit in Manchester Savings Bank, February 15, 1917.....	$1,000.00	
Dividend to July 1, 1917.....	40.00	
		$1,040.00

Cr.

September 24, paid Carrie S. Robie, treasurer.....	$40.00	
Deposit, book number 112265.....	1,000.00	
		$1,040.00

MARY S. BLAKE FUND

Dr.

On deposit in Manchester Savings Bank, February 15, 1917.....	$100.50	
Dividend to July 1, 1917.....	3.71	
		$104.21

Cr.

January 31, 1918, paid S. C. Sawyer, labor	$2.00	
On deposit, book number 112266.....	102.21	
		$104.21

Library Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr.

Balance from last year	$23.56	
Received from Town Treasurer	75.00	
Received from Hannah Moulton Library fund	40.00	
Received from fines	3.00	
		$141.56

Cr.

Paid George Osgood, Librarian	$30.00	
F. H. Strout	2.50	
postage	.20	
J. Q. Evans, insurance	7.50	
Allen's Book Shop	58.86	
magazine subscriptions	5.50	
Cash on hand	37.00	
		$141.56

CARRIE E. ROBIE, *Treasurer Public Library.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation of Kensington Social and Public Libraries for the year February 1, 1917, to January 31, 1918:

	Soc. Lib.	*Pub. Lib.*	*Total*
Fiction	318	740	1058
Juvenile fiction	311	524	835
Travel	15	49	64
Poetry	15	12	27
History	8	41	49
Biography	7	26	33
Miscellaneous	17	2	19
Natural History	10	7	17
Science	6	21	27
	707	1422	2129

There were 366 magazines loaned and 412 visitors to the reading room.

Books Added During the Year to the Kensington Public Library:—Purchased by Town

Kitchener's Mob ..... *Hall*
The First Hundred Thousand ..... *Beith*
Mr. Britling Sees It Through ..... *Wells*
Extricating Obadiah ..... *Lincoln*
The Shelleys of Georgia ..... *Houghton*
Vanguards of the Plain ..... *McCarter*
Red Pepper's Patients ..... *Richmond*
The Indian Drum ..... *MacKay and Balmer*
A Hilltop on the Marne ..... *Aldrich*
Poems of Matthew Arnold
My Life in Prison ..... *Lourie*
The Dwelling Place of Light ..... *Churchill*
Dave Porter in the Far North ..... *Stratemeyer*
Dave Porter in the Gold Fields ..... *Stratemeyer*
The Youth Plupy ..... *Shute*
Thoreau ..... *Sawyer*

From the Hannah Moulton Fund

The Land of Deepening Shadow ..... *Curtis*
Toward the Goal ..... *Ward*
Poems of the Great War ..... *Cunliffe*
On the Right of the British Line ..... *Hobbs*
Bromley Neighborhood ..... *Brown*
Martie the Unconquered ..... *Norris*
Green Fancy ..... *McCutcheon*
The Red Planet ..... *Locke*
Calvary Alley ..... *Rice*
The Sport of Kings ..... *Roche*
The Light in the Clearing ..... *Bacheller*
Where Your Treasure Is ..... *Day*
The Spinster ..... *Cleghorn*
Understood Betsy ..... *Canfield*
Grandfather's Chair ..... *Hawthorne*
Sea Stories
Island Stories

The Gothic Quest . . . . . *Cram*
The Strawberry in North America . . . . . *Fletcher*
A Son of the Middle Border . . . . . *Garland*
Adventures in Friendship . . . . . *Grayson*
Our Little Indian Cousin . . . . . *Wade*
Our Little Philippine Cousin . . . . . *Wade*
Our Little Hawaiian Cousin . . . . . *Wade*
Our Little Porto Rican Cousin . . . . . *Wade*
Strange People . . . . . *Starr*
The Boy's Catlin . . . . . *Catlin*
Boys of Other Countries . . . . . *Fogler*
The Story of Little Rosered . . . . . *Campbell*
The Story of Little Joe . . . . . *Campbell*
Western Frontier Stories
Southern Stories
Stories of the Great Lakes
Stories of Strange Sights
Games for the Home, School and Playground . . . . *Bancroft*
The Friendly Road . . . . . *Grayson*
Hosea Ballou . . . . . *Safford*
The Pony Rider Boys in the Rockies . . . . . *Patchen*
The Pony Rider Boys in Texas . . . . . *Patchen*
The Motor Boat Club of the Kennebec . . . . . *Hancock*
The Motor Boat Club at Nantucket . . . . . *Hancock*
The Automobile Girls at Newport . . . . . *Crane*
The Automobile Girls Along the Hudson . . . . . *Crane*
The Automobile Girls in the Berkshires . . . . . *Crane*
The Automobile Girls at Chicago . . . . . *Crane*
The Automobile Girls at Palm Beach . . . . . *Crane*
The Automobile Girls at Washington . . . . . *Crane*
Green Mountain Boys . . . . . *Thompson*
A Son of the Desert . . . . . *Gilman*
Wateau, the Magician . . . . . *Wright*

Books Added to the Kensington Social Library

Up to Calvin's . . . . . *Richards*
The American Ambassador . . . . . *Byrne*
Germany, The Next Republic? . . . . . *Ackerman*

The Challenge of the Future ..... *Usher*
Victory in Defeat ..... *Washburn*
The Wonderful Year ..... *Locke*
Father Bernard's Parish ..... *Olmstead*
Greenmantle ..... *Buchan*
The Second Fiddle ..... *Bottome*
Lydia of the Pines ..... *Willsie*
The Road to Understanding ..... *Porter*
Camp Jolly ..... *Little*
The Newcomers ..... *Peattie*
The Lost Little Lady ..... *Knipe*
A Maid of Old Manhattan ..... *Knipe*
The Waring Girls ..... *Deland*
The Major ..... *Connor*
The Belgian Twins ..... *Perkins*
My Four Years in Germany ..... *Gerard*
Alma at Hadley Hall ..... *Breitenbach*
Alma's Sophomore Year ..... *Breitenbach*
Alma's Junior Year ..... *Breitenbach*
Alma's Senior Year ..... *Breitenbach*
Abigail Adams and Her Times ..... *Richards*
Heroes of To-day ..... *Parkman*
Heroines of Service ..... *Parkman*
Kildares of Storm ..... *Kelly*
Anne of Green Gables ..... *Montgomery*
Anne of Avonlea ..... *Montgomery*
Anne's House of Dreams ..... *Montgomery*
Carry On ..... *Dawson*
Over the Top ..... *Empey*
My Unknown Chum ..... *Garrity*

GEORGE OSGOOD,
Librarian of the Kensington Social and Public Libraries.

School Report

SCHOOL BOARD

Arthur H. Brown, *Chairman*
Mrs. Dorothy Card, *Secretary*.
George A. Prescott

Miss Sarah A. Green ..... *Treasurer*
Herbert M. Prescott ..... *Clerk of the District*
Maro S. Brooks ..... *Superintendent*

Office: Town Hall, Exeter; telephone, 549-W.
Office Hours: Monday 4.30 to 5.30 p. m.
Tuesday, 9.00 to 10 a. m.
Thursday, 4.30 to 5.30 p. m.

Consultation hours in Kensington by appointment.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Kensington:

The School Board congratulates itself and the district on a successful year. The schools are all in the hands of competent teachers, and have made excellent progress.

We are especially pleased with the many favorable comments made by the people of our town on the fine condition of our schools. The State Superintendent's report, sent to the Board after his last visit, was most satisfactory. This improvement is due mainly to the Superintendent's wise choice of teachers, his careful selection of books and other materials, and his constant oversight of the teachers' work. His personal interest in the progress of each child has encouraged the children to do their best. In spite of the great increase in the cost of everything, all this good work has been done without exceeding our appropriation.

In order to give the district a chance to accept the generous

offer of $2,000 toward the building of a Central School, the Board asked the State Board of Health for an extension of time in which to make the required changes at the North School. As the offer was refused, the State Board's order must be carried out before next September. A list of these changes and an explanation of the new law in regard to the ending of the school year will be found in the Superintendent's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. BROWN, *Chairman.*

February 15, 1918.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board of Kensington:

Permit me to submit to you the following report of my second year as superintendent of your schools. I find it a pleasure to make this report, for it is always an agreeable duty to commend progress and call attention to encouraging facts.

Change in Fiscal Year

At the last session of the Legislature the following amendment was passed.

"The fiscal year of town and special school districts beginning February 16, 1917, shall end August 31, 1918, and thereafter the fiscal and the scholastic year shall end August 31, annually."

The passage of this amendment brings to every School District in New Hampshire the necessity of providing in some way for the change of fiscal year. Last March funds were appropriated to carry the schools to the end of the winter term only. This leaves the spring term and any repairs made during the summer unprovided for. There are several ways in ways in which to provide for the change:

(1) To consider the amount needed to finish the extended school year as a deficit and raise a sufficient amount to cover this "deficit" in addition to an appropriation to cover the

year beginning September 1, 1918, and ending August 31, 1919. While it would be an advantage to adopt the new year as soon as possible, the burden for this next year would be a heavy one. Moreoever, it is practically impossible for us to say now how much money will be needed to finish the year ending August 31, 1919.

(2) To appropriate a sufficient amount to finish the extended school year. In addition, to appropriate an amount sufficient to meet the needs of the schools until the end of the winter term. March, 1919.

North School House

The repairs made at the North School last summer have added to the comfort of teacher and pupils. The order from the State Board of Health is still in force. At the request of the Board it was suspended for one year. Accordingly, the changes indicated in the order and listed on page 45 of last year's Town Report must be finished before the opening of school in September next. Briefly summarized, they are as follows:

1. New floor.
2. Larger window area.
3. Ceiling whitened. (Already done.)
4. Enlarged entry space.
5. New heating and ventilating system.
6. New toilet properly connected with school building.

The Schools

North.—When I look back to my first visits here in April, 1916, and compare the conditions of that time with those of the present, I find it hard to believe that it is the same school. The improvement is due to three things: excellent teaching, proper materials with which to work, and hearty co-operation of the homes. The greatest change is in the attitude of the children toward everything connected with the school.

The serving of hot cocoa with the children's lunches is in accordance with the best modern rural school practice.

Mrs. Wenzel is a superior teacher. The State Superintendent of public instruction inspected the school thoroughly last year and declared that he had never seen a large many-graded school better handled. The value of continuous service in a school of this kind is universally recognized. We must keep Mrs. Wenzel.

East.—I find less to say about this school than the others, because it had a strong teacher when I first knew it. Like the other schools, it was handicapped by an utter lack of even the most necessary books and supplies. Miss Robie has been quick to profit by the helps which you have enabled me to provide. The children are reaping the benefit of her study at the Keene Normal School last summer. Unfortunately, this school was closed at the time of the State Superintendent's last visit, but it stands high in the records of the State Department.

West.—This school is responding eagerly to the leadership of a well-trained teacher. Miss Eunice I. Evans had a year of successful experience in Attleboro, Mass., and was asked to return at an increased salary. It was fortunate for us that she wished to live at home this year. She has just the personality that is needed in this school. Although a graduate of a Massachusetts normal school, she has adapted her methods to the New Hampshire state program of studies. If possible, her services should be retained until the school is brought up to grade.

In Conclusion

There are many contributing factors in the maintenance of a good school. Well trained and devoted teachers, sanitary school buildings, and co-operation on the part of parents, school officers, teachers and pupils are absolute essentials.

There has never been a time in our history when education was so much needed as it is now and as it will be in the days of reconstruction after the war. We must be very sure to allow nothing to handicap the intelligence and producing power of

the rising generation. This means that we must make every effort to improve our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MARO S. BROOKS,

Superintendent of Exeter, Newfields, Hampton Falls and Kensington.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, 1916-1917

North School

Fall Term.

Parker Blodgett.
Florence Gove.
Adelaide Hilliard.
Alice Wenzel.
Faith York.
Mary York.

Winter Term.

Florence Gove.
William LaPorte.
Priscilla Prescott.
Emily True.

Spring Term.

Parker Blodgett.
Stuart Blodgett.
Adelaide Hilliard.
Alice Wenzel.
Pauline Wenzel.

East School

Fall Term.

Charles Eastman.
Howard Eastman.
Gertrude Evans.
Helen Evans.
Richard Fish.
Theodore Fish.
Helen Lamprey.
Allan Roe.

Winter Term.

Charles Eastman.
Howard Eastman.
Gertrude Evans.
Helen Evans.
Allan Roe.

Spring Term.

Allan Roe.
Dorrall Snow.

West School

Fall Term.

Howard A. Blake.
Hollis P. Steeves.

Winter Term.

Howard A. Blake.

Spring Term.

Howard A. Blake.
Ernestine M. Steeves.
Hollis P. Steeves.

STATISTICAL TABLE—REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1917

Schools	Teachers	Total No. Enrolled	Boys	Girls	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Not absent or tardy	Visits by School Board	Visits by Superintendent	Other visits	No. of weeks	Monthly Wages
North.....	Mrs. Wenzel..	41	16	25	30.07	33.39	90.06	0	2	27	30	36	$56.
East.....	Miss Robie	19	10	9	14.81	16.53	89.59	1	1	25	69	35	48.
West	Miss Ruth Evans.....	17	10	7	9.98	11.16	89.42	1	5	27	28	36	40.
Averages.....							89.69					35.67	48.
Totals.....		77	36	41	54.86	61.08		2	8	79	127		

School Treasurer's Report

No regular audited report can be given at this time, as the new law extends the present fiscal year until August 31. A full report of the extended year, February 16, 1917, to August 31, 1918, will appear in the Town Report of 1919.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

February 16, 1917, to February 1, 1918

Receipts

Balance on hand February 16, 1917	$546.34	
Required by law	472.50	
Appropriated at School Meeting:		
for schools	1,502.50	
for repairs at North School	500.00	
Received from dog fund account	72.80	
literary fund	64.80	
state fund	277.39	
state for Superintendent's salary	150.00	
		$3,586.33

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	$1,348.40	
Superintendent's salary	300.00	
Text-books and supplies	101.74	
Flags and appurtenances	14.18	
Tuition for pupils out of town	595.00	
Salaries of officers	51.75	
Repairs and new desks	149.47	
Fuel	87.00	
Janitor service	46.55	
Miscellaneous	13.49	
*Balance in hands of School Treasurer, February 1, 1918	878.75	
		$3,586.33

*This balance includes sum reserved for salaries, janitor services, and other expenses for remainder of winter term; also, $50.00 voted in 1916 for wood-shed at North School, and $431.88 unexpended balance voted last year for repairs on North Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH A. GREEN, *Treasurer.*

APPROPRIATIONS

Estimates Based on Last Year's Expenditures

	To Aug. 31, 1918	Sept. 1, 1918, to Apr. 1, 1919	Total
Teachers' salaries	$462.00	$924.00	$1,386.00
Superintendent's salary	45.00	105.00	150.00
Books and supplies, statutory	40.00	80.00	120.00
Flags and appurtenances, statutory	5.00	10.00	15.00
Tuitions, statutory	200.00	500.00	700.00
Officers' salaries	20.00	33.75	53.75
Repairs and miscellaneous	15.00	20.24	35.24
Fuel	25.00	65.00	90.00
Janitors	15.00	25.00	40.00
	$827.00	$1,762.99	$2,589.99

Estimated receipts

Dog fund	$72.80	
Literary fund	64.80	
State fund	277.39	
		$414.99
Whole amount to be raised		$2,175.00

Statutory

Required by law	$472.50	
Books, supplies, flags, tuitions	835.00	
		$1,307.50
Amount to be voted		$867.50
Amount asked for coming year		$2,175.00
*Amount raised last year		1,975.00
Increase		$200.00

*Exclusive of repairs on North School.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Date		Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan.	19	Everett Wilson	M	3	L	Henry W. Brown	Rebecca Mitchell	Kensington	Ashland.
Feb.	9	Roy Stephen	"	2	"	Roy S. Brown	Lena E. Battis	Kensington	Amesbury, Ms.
Mar.	1	Norman Francis	"	4	"	George A. Prescott	Mary A. Hilliard	Kensington	Kensington.
April	6	——— Elliott	F	1	"	Kelley Eliott	Susan Norris	Caanan	Danville.
Sept.	3	Olive May	"	7	"	Joseph Yell	Catherine H. Heath	Ausable, N. Y.	W.Newbu'y, Ms
	12	Arthur King	M	11	"	Perley W. Hartford	Sarah J. Thompson	Deerfield	Haverhill, Ms.
Dec.	31	Lena Josephine	F	5	"	George Beckman	Ada G. Wilbur	Seabrook	Kensington

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 30	Kensington	Leon M. Dunton	17	W	Fitzwilliam	George A. Dunton Ada M. Baldwin	1st	Rev. Dorrall Lee,
		Margharita L. Evans	17	"	Kensington	Moses W. Evans Eliza J. Gaddis	"	Kensington.
Sept. 19	So. Hampton	Earl H. H. Wilbur	22	W	Kensington	Moses Wilbur Nellie M. Shufelt	1st	Rev. Fred D. Johnson,
		Nancy Kelly	17	"	Plaistow	Frank Kelly Anna Young	"	So. Hampton.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Date		Name and surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	9	Tryphena J. Worthing	82	4	6	Brighton, Me.	F	W	W	Benjamin Cook	Abigail Bates.
Feb.	4	Charles W. Evans	75	7	12	Salem	M	"	M	Abram Evans	Mary G. Eastman.
	24	Edward J. Blodgett	70	9	3	Kensington	"	"	"	Julius C. Blodgett	Abigail C. Shaw.
Mar.	27	Carrie A. Sherman	60	6	17	Haverhill, Ms.	F	"	"	William Gove	Rebecca Thibetts.
May	26	Sophia T. Gove	73	1	10	Kensington	"	"	W	Josiah B. Sanborn	Mary B. Tilton.
July	14	Fannie C. Mace	90		4	Weare	"	"	"	——— Sargent	
Sept.	19	Weare N. Shaw	86	8	6	Kensington	M	"	"	John W. Shaw	Ruth Currier.

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